

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3306
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

SANKALP SE SIDDHI-MISSION VAN DHAN

3306. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched a new tribal livelihood initiative named “Sankalp Se Siddhi - Mission Van Dhan”; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of this initiative?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) & (b): The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) is implementing Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram, an initiative under the Scheme ‘Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP’ under which tribal community owned Minor Forest Produce Vandhan Self Help groups are established. Till date, **37,904** Van Dhan Self Help Groups (VDSHG) covering 6.77 lakhs beneficiaries program have sanctioned targeting livelihood generation for tribals by harnessing the wealth of forest i.e. Van Dhan. Under this programme, procurement cum value addition to locally available Minor Forest Produce helps increasing the value of the MFP considerably and consequently the income of the gatherers.

“**Sankalp Se Siddhi**”- is slogan given by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. In that spirit TRIFED has envisaged “**Sankalp Se Siddhi**”- **Mission VanDhan** to create round-the-year income generating opportunities to provide active employment and livelihoods for tribals and forest dwelling gatherers through the collection, value addition, branding, packaging and marketing of locally that includes Minor Forest Produce (MFP), Agriculture, Floriculture, Horticulture, Medicinal & Aromatic plants, etc through Vandhan Karyakram.
